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In re application of:

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Examiner: Virginia Manoharan

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For: DISTILLATION APPARATUS AND DISTILLATION METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 2, 2003

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 6, 2003, please amend the application as follows. The amendments follow a revised amendment format under revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (optional prior to July of 2003). An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

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